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During the year, besides partial examinations of the pupils, there are two general ones; the first to wards the end of January, after which, reports of behavior, application, progress in study, &c., are sent to Parents; the second at the end of June, followed by a distribution of Premiums, Musical perfermances, and exhibition of the Young Ladies' work. At this time, also, gold Medals will be given to those young ladies who merit the highest honors in the Benior Class, and who will have given evidence of their improvement by a written essay. Great attention is given to both Vocal and Instrumental Music; and for the advancement of the pupils, they are required to perform at Concerts, the first Friday of every month. Particular attention is also given to French, which is taught by a native of France. Besides studying the Grammar and Translation of the Language, time is allotted to French conversations, in order to acquire facility in speaking.

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the same are guarantied as aforesaid. Pro-

vided, always, that the said company shall first

execute an assignment to this corporation of

all its rights, immunities and property, as a security for the punctual payment of the in-

terest and principal of said certificates; and,

further, that the said company shall give such

other security for the payment of said interest

as shall be satisfactory to the committee here-inafter appointed; which said assignment and

security shall inure to the benefit of the hold-

Section two authorizes the Mayor and a joint

committee, consisting of one member from each

Board, to see to the issuance of these certificates;

the committee being required to satisfy them-

selves that the certificates guarantied would

insure the completion and equipment of said

Mr. John H. Houston, of the Board of Alder-

men, and Mr. John T. Clements, of the Board

At a meeting of the committee held April 12,

1855, it was ordered that the Mayor and Register

be requested to gnarantee bonds to the amount

of \$18,000; and that the said bonds, or the pro-

creds thereof, be deposited to the credit of the Mayor of Washington and the Treasurer of the Railroad Company, and that no portion or said guarantied bonds, or the proceeds thereof,

bould be applied or paid except by the written

On May 31st the committee ordered \$13,000

gnarantied bonds to be issued, to be deposited

On June 30th, \$1,000 of the bonds were ordered

to be issued and deposited with Riggs & Co.;

July 13, \$2,000 were ordered to be issued; July

23d, \$8,000; and on September 27th \$5,000 more;

The bonds are all endorsed by John T. Tow-

ers, (then) Mayor, and were countersigned by

Of the \$60,000 bonds guarantied by the Cor-

poration \$47,000 were deposited with Riggs & Co. for sale. Some were sold; and Riggs & Co.

advanced on the joint check of the Mayor of

Washington and the treasurer of the railroad

company some \$2,000 less than the face of the

Upon the failure of the railroad company to

redeem their obligations, appropriations of

money were made from time to time to pay the

interest and that part of the principal as it be-came due, which has been disbursed by Riggs & Co.; and such of the bonds as became due at

and prior to January, 1862, have been paid,

leaving three instalments of interest and one of

There are now outstanding \$31,000 of the

bonds; but as Riggs & Co. never bought the

bonds, but only advanced on them, their ac-

count amounts to some \$15,000 only, though

The following communication, in answer to

interrogatories by the committee, afford an ex-

OFFICE OF RIGGE & Co.,

WASHINGTON, D. C., 17 August, 1863.

Crosby B. Noyes, Esq., Chairman of Select Com-mittee on the Washington & Alexandria Railroad. Dear Sir:—In answer to your note I beg leave

to state to you as briefly as I can the partieu-

lars of the negotiation of such of the bonds of

the Washington and Alexandria Railroad Com-

pany as came into the hands of Riggs & Co. In April, 1855, I was informed that bonds of

this road, guaranteed by the Corporation of

Washington, would be for sale, and I was

asked if my house would undertake the nego-tiation and make advances on the bonds be-fore they were sold. Before agreeing to do anything, I called on one of the members of

the joint committee, (composed, I think, of one member from each Board,) who, with the Mayor of Washington, had, I was informed,

authority to issue the guarantee bonds.

I asked if the guarantee was correct, legal and binding on the Corporation. I was answered that in every respect it was as safe and sacred an obligation as any bond or stock of the Corporation then outstanding.

With this assrrance, placing trust in the in-

tegrity of the corporate authorities of the city

of Washington, I agreed in behalf of Riggs & Co. to undertake the negotiation or some of the bonds—making advances thereon to the Mayor

of Washington. The money advanced, with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum

per annum, was to be repaid out of the pro-

The first advance by me was made 19th

April, 1855, by payment of a check on us dated 18th April, 1855, eigned by J. T. Towers, Mayor of Washington, and W. Lenox, President (Treasurer) of the Road. Subsequent advances

were made, for all of which we hold checks.

also signed by the then Mayor of Washington.

\$25,000 were placed in our hands for sale. Sub-

sequently, bonds for \$22,000 more were placed

with us, on which we also advanced. We

then declined advancing more, and never re-

ceived or had anything to do with any more of

The amount of bonds placed in our hands

Was\$17,000 Of these we sold\$9,000

Leaving still in our hands......\$17,000 Of which there are due 1 Jan'y, 1863, \$6,000

By reference to the amount as it stands on our books (which I send you) it will be seen

that the proceeds of bonds sold, the amount of

bonds paid, and the interest collected were credited, and that interest is charged on the

sums advanced. The interest we collected on

the bonds being more than the interest charged

by us, the debt to us has been diminished by the difference. The account shows a balance due us on the 31st December, of \$14,691.71,

We have never directly or indirectly had any

interest in the stock of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad Company, nor have we

at any time had to do with its management or

The advances made by us on the bonds were to the Mayor of Washington, as is shown by the checks in our possession, which you have seen, and were made upon his assurance and

that of a member of the joint committee repre-

senting the Boards of Aldermen and Common

Council of Washington, that the faith of the

city was pledged for the prompt payment of the bonds. I enclose a copy of the endorse-ment of one of the bonds.

As far as we are concerned or had to do

with the negotiation of these bonds, I have answered your questions. It remains for the Corporation of Washington to redeem its faith

or to repudiate its obligations, to return to us

Very respectfully, dear sir, your ob't servant,

The committee present copies of these checks,

with the balance sheet of Riggs & Co.; also a communication from Mr. S. E. Douglass, City

Register, in relation to the number of out-

standing guaranteed bonds of the Washington

and Alexandria Railroad, with the names of the holders, showing \$17,000 in the name of Riggs & Co.; \$5,000 in the name of J. C. McGuire; \$8,000 in the name of the Ohio Trust

Fund company; and \$1,000 in the name of P.

The committee say that they have prosecuted

the inquiry with which they were charged as thoroughly as has been in their power; and

while they find occasion to express their surprise at the singular delinquency of the then Mayor of Washington and the joint committee,

by which failure was made to see that the Corporation's claim upon the road was fully se-cured, and that the guarantied bonds would

ensure the completion of the road, they cannot see that the bondholders are in any sense re-sponsible for the laches of the Corporation's

agents.

The disgraceful manner in which the Corpo-

ration's interests were neglected in these and

other transactions in connection with this road

is one of the most mortifying chapters in our

municipal history.

There is no doubt that much might be said in defence of those who advocated furnishing aid to the road. It was deemed of the first importance that the line of track (including right of way serves Panneylvania, avanual through

of way across Pennsylvania avenue) through

this city, making the connecting link between the great routes north and south, should be laid without delay, to forestall rival interests ac-tively at work to divert it north of this city

(via Georgetown) or south, (via the bay line of steamers from Baltimore to Norfolk,) and it

was held, even, that a positive donation of the

260,000 to secure such an end would be money

well laid out for the city.

But the wretched manner in which the Oor

fact, taken the shape of a free gift.

Gro. W. Riggs.

the money we advanced thereon to its execu-

its affairs in any way excepting the above.

against which we hold bonds for \$17,000.

And received payment for 21,000 36,600

1 Jan'y, 1861, 26,000

1 Jan'y, 1865, \$5,000

When the first advance was made, bonds for

ceeds of the bonds when sold.

the bonds.

tive officer.

[Signed]

making up the balance of the \$60,000

Wm J. McCormick, Register.

\$6,000 principal now due.

holding \$17,000 of bonds.

the manner of their negotiation :

bonds.

with Riggs & Co., as the fermer bonds were.

of Common Council, were appointed the joint committee in pursuance of the above second

ers of said certificates.

AMUSEMENTS.

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in each school beingl imited to sixty, will apply
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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES,

LATER FROM EUROPE.

The Privateer Florida off Queenstown-Destruction of the Ship Nash by a Rebel Privateer-The Peterhoff Case. NEW YORK, August 31 .- The steamship City of London, from Liverpool on the 19th instant, has arrived, and brings the following intelli-

The privateer Florida appeared off Kinsall on the 17th. She boarded the Cork pilot boat and sent three passengers, supposed to be Confederate agents, by her. The Florida was off Queenstown on the 18th. The Cork Herald had previously announced her expected arrival at Queenstown to effect some shipments of men, and, at the instance of

the United States Consul, notice had been posted by the Port Admiral, warning the people against any breach of the Foreign Enlistment Reports were current that war vessels were ready to prevent any illegality.

The report of the destruction of the American ship Nash by a privateer, off Gibraltar, s confirmed. Parties interested in the steamer Peterhoff unequivocally deny that the points stated by Judge Betts were proved. They say they can substantiate their case.

The Times says the Washington decision is looked for with great interest. A law case is on trial in England, clearly showing the Peterhoff had been previously en-gaged in carrying contraband of war. The Confederate loan had declined from 29 te 27 discount.

The Mexican and Polish questions are in The notes of France and England to Russia are represented as quite pacific. The Morning Post thinks that if the Russian reply shall be unfavorable, the Poles should be recognized as a belligerent. There are rumors of a contemplated inter-

view between Napoleon and the ex-Emperor The Congress of German Princes in session at Frankfort have united upon an invitation to be sent to the King of Prussia to attend in person. It is to be conveyed by the King of Saxony.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN. August 20 .- The steamer from Cork at Liverpool saw the privateer Florida lying to off Tuscar. At five p. m. on the 19th, two and a half hours later, she saw Federal merchantmen from Liverpool proceeding toward Tuscar. The ship Eagle had reached Liverpool from Bermuda, with nearly eighty thousand ounces of silver bars, supposed to be that taken from the ship Hoxie.

Politics are unimportant.
The rebel loan has declined one per centum.

FROM KANSAS. Pursuit and Killing of Quantrell's Guer-

KANSAS CITY, August 31.-Lientenant Col. Clark, of the Ninth Kansas cavalry, returned last evening from the pursuit of Quantrell through Jackson, Cass, and Johnson counties. His command killed forty of those who perpetrated the Lawrence massacre. Other companies returned to different posts, having killed and wounded several bushwhackers. Among the killed is Captain Estes, recruiting officer for Marmaduke. The whole number of guerrillas killed, as far as known,

No Credit to be Allowed for Volunteers UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 30.-The Governor has been informed by the Provost Marshal General that credit will not be allowed to towns for any excess of volunteers they may have furnished

considerably exceeds one hundred.

over their quotas under previous calls.

The Provost Marshal General has also de cided not to allow credit for volunteers raised since June 11, 1863, in districts where the draft has taken place. But in districts where the drawing has not been commenced credit will be given for recruits sent to regiments in the field and for volunteers enlisted in companies, which may have been raised in such districts. and mustered into the service of the United States between the 11th day of June, 1863, and the day preceding that fixed for the draft to take place. Men merely enlisted will not be credited; they must be mustered into some organized company.

Union Mass Convention.

SE. Louis. Aug. 31 .- Delegates to the Union Mass Convention to be held at Jefferson City to-morrow are arriving from all parts of the State, and the prospects are that it will be the largest meeting that ever assembled in the State. The Democrat's Springfield dispatch easy President Lincoln has written a letter, which will be read at the Union meeting to be held there on the 3d of September. He states that its perusal will gladden the heart of every true Union man in the country, and will vindi-cate the President's fame and character, and be the key note of the next Presidential campaign. Edward Everett has also written a letter, strongly urging the prosecution of the war. The meeting on the 3d promises to be immense Twenty-seven thousand people are expected to arrive by the Chicago and St. Louis railroad alone.

Destructive Fire in Boston.

Boston, Aug. 31, p. m.—A destructive fire is raging in East Boston. It commenced in the Atlantic Works, where the monster turrets are constructed. The buildings, with nearly four finished turrets, are destroyed. The flames are rapidly extending throughout the mechanical

War between England, France and Japan. Boston, August 31 .- A private dispatch, dated Hong Kong, July 6th, says :- " A war against Japan by England and France is almost certain. Exchange at Hong Kong is falling."

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS, August 31 .- Board of Aldermen .- On account of the absence of Mr. Semmes, who is acting Mayor, Mr. Sargent was called upon to preside at the meeting of the The secretary of the board, Mr. Noyes, being

absent, O. K. Harris was, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, elected secretary pro tem. A communication was received from the Acting Mayor announcing the approval of the

bill for the relief of Wm. Fletcher; bill for the relief of G. W. S. Estin; a bill to grade and gravel Third street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to C street north; an act authorizing the laying of a water main along A street south to New Jersey avenue; and an act making ap-propriation for taking up and relaying the foot-pavement, curbstone and gutter on the north front of square 104. The Acting Mayor also transmitted a com-

munication from the sub-board of the Second School District, asking an appropriation for increased school facilities for said district. The communication represents that since the 12th day of May last the trustees have been in negotiation with parties holding in trust the building situated on E street north, between The lot belongs to the First Presbyterian Church, and as the said trustees have evidently the authority to lease said lot, and are willing to doit, the councils are requested to authorize the trustees to consummate the negotiation.

The communication also states that one of the school houses in that district has been used by Government as a hospital, and that the subbeard have had notice to vacate five other school-houses, and, unless some speedy action is taken by the councils, exercises in the schools

The communication was referred to the com mittee on schools. The following were introduced and referred By Mr. Plant-petition of John B. Burns for whart privileges, and petition of Fielder Bow

Mr. Sargent introduced a bill for the repair of the getter across Indiana avenue, on the west side of Second street. Passed. Mr. Lloyd, from the finance committee, re-ported back the joint resolution in relation to the laboring men employed by the Corporation; the committee was discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Pepper, from the improvements committre, reported favorably upon the following, which were passed: Bill for the repair of the alley in square No. 425 in the Third Ward; bill to repair the gutter on the west side of Fourth a bill to take up and relay the gutter on the ast and west side of Eigth street west, between I and K streets north; a bill to take up and relay the gutter on the east side of Seventh street west, between Land M streets north; and a bill

of Tenth street west, from O of Daniel Lynch, and the bill for the relief of A. R. Forrest were referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Gerdon reported back the report of the Intendent of the Asylum, which was ordered to be placed on the files of the Board. Mr. Turton introduced a bill authorizing the laying of a water main long G street north, from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-seventh streets Laid over informally.

Mr. Utermehle, from the police committee, introduced a bill authorizing the owners of Providence Hospital to erect a trame ward adjoining a brick building. Passed. Also, from the committee on schools, Mr. U. reported a bill to provide additional school accommodations for the Second District schools.

The following bills, heretofore reported upon favorably by the improvements committee, but laid over, were read a third time and passed. Bill for improvement of Sixth street west, frem N north to Boundary; to grade and gravel Massachusetts avenue, from Thirteenth to Fourteenth streets west; to lay a flag footway across Twenty-second street west, on the north side of I street north; authorizing the curbfront of square south of square No. 562; and bill to relay and widen the gutter on the south fronts of squares No. 484 and 516.

The consideration of the above bills elicited considerable discussion, Mr. Lloyd contending that the statute-hooks of the Corporation were already overburdened with laws which it was found impossible to make effective. Besides, the passage of so many laws of the above nature was simply giving the Mayor an unnecessary amount of labor and trouble. The first bill above mentioned would, he argued, occasion an unnecessary expenditure of money. There were but few improvements in that section of the city, and he was for making improvements where the greatest number would be benefitted. Mr. Pepper, in reply, charged that the Fourth Ward had been grossly imposed upon by former Mayors. He did not know what the present Mayor was doing, but should look after the matter. As to placing onerous burdens on the Mayor, he did not think he had been overburdened this year. He was a good and worthy Mayor, however, and he (Mr. Pepper) had not

word to say against him. Mr. Utermehle contended that it was absolutely necessary to open Sixth street, in order that another outlet and inlet could be had to the city. The construction of the railroad on Seventh street had in a measure driven travel from that thoroughfare, and it was necessary that the country people should have another road for ingress and egress.

The bill for the improvement of F street south, from Ninth to Tenth west, was recommitted. The following were laid over: Bill authorizing the Mayor to cause a gravel foot-walk to be made on the north side of E street south. between Third and Fourth east; bill to grade and gravel Third street east, from L south to Penrsylvania avenue, and bill to cause the

stone pavement in the alley of reservation 12 paired. The following bills from the Board of Common Council were referred, viz: A concurrent resolution for an adjournment; bill authorizing W. H. Gunnell to erect a shed at Eleventh street wharf; bill to abate a nuisance in square 375, and bill to repair gutter on east side of Fourth street east, between M and N streets

south. The following were passed : Bill for the repair of the alley in square No. 378; act to amend an act for a water main on Twelfth street west from I street north to Massachusetts avenue; bill to take up and relay the gutter on M street south, at its intersection with Fourth street east; bill to cause the footway to be laid and curbstones set on south front of square No. 497; and bill supplementary to an act to grade and gravel Fourteenth street west.

The epecial order, the act to regulate and li-

cense livery stables, was again postponed, and ordered to be taken up next Monday night, immediately after the call of the wards. The following bills were introduced and passed.—By Mr. Turton—Bill for the purchase of they copies of buenan's Digest, bill to take up and relay the gutter on Sixteenth street west, across I street north; bill to repair the gutter on the south side of I street north, from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-seventh street; bill to make a gravel footwalk along the south side of E street north, from Twenty-third to Twenty-fifth streets west; thence along the east eide of Twenty-fifth street west to the south side of Detreet north. By Mr. Utermehle-Bill to repair the gutter across Third street west, on the north and south eides of K street north, and also the gutter across New Jersey avenue, on the north and south sides of K street north. and the north side of L street north; and bill to pave the passage way leading out of the west

wing of the City Hall. Adjourned. Board of Common Council .- A communication was received from the Mayor, inclosing the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. The Chief reports all the apparatus in working order, and every company as prompt as is possible for them until we have some means for giving a general alarm without waiting for the fire to illuminate the whole city. He asks for five hundred feet of hose for Western Hose Company, and the speedy erection of their house, and a hose carriage for the Anacostia. The purchase of at least one steam fire engine is urged, together with the erection of a fire alarm telegraph, as it would save its cost in less than a year. Had we had the fire alarm telegraph and one steam engine, they would have saved the whole cost of working them for one year during the past month, to say nothing of the fires we may have before the year is out. Since the last report there has been thirteen alarms of fire; of which nine were actual fires, two were for fires outside the city, one for bon fire, and the other the upsetting of a tar pot. The losses amount to \$20,000, on which there are insurances for \$13,000. Since the appointment of the Chief (December 20, 1862) the losses by fire have amounted to over \$77,600, one fourth of which he believes could have been saved if we had the fire alarm telegraph, and with an efficient paid steam fire department he believes over half would have been saved.

Mr. N. D. Larner intreduced a bill for the more thorough distribution of Potomac water throughout the city. [The bill provides that annually two persons shall be appointed, who shall, with the Mayor, constitute a water board, charged with all matters relative to the distribution of water. This board will have power to lay water mains in streets, alleys, &c., and a tax is to be levied of one dollar on every front foot each side of every street through which the water mains have or may be laid, either by the United States or the Corporation The said tax is to be collected in five annual installments, but may be paid at any time. The water board are directed to cause fireplugs and public hydrants to be erected, and assess the expense upon the real estate situated upon the same square. An abatement of five per cent. may be allowed on all taxes paid within thirty days. The water board may cause an abatement to be made upon all property owners that now are or have been pay-ing a water rent equal to one half the whole amount, and the rates of water rent are reduced one half. The office of the water purveyor is abolished, and the board authorized to grant permits for opening any street, avenue or alley, and tapping the mains, the party giving security that he shall put the street in as good condition as before. Referred to drain-

Mr. M. Larner introduced bill to trim and gravel Indiana avenue between Four-and-ahalf and Second streets. Referred.

Mr. Ellis introduced bill amending act to grade and gravel Fourteenth street. Passed. Mr. Noyes, from the select committee (consisting of Messrs. Noyes, Ruff and N. D. Larner,) to whom was referred the bill to provide for the payment of the sixth instalment of the principal and the half-yearly interest due on the guarantied bonds of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad Company, reported the bill back, with the recommendation that it be

passed. As there seems to be some misconception of the nature of the corporation's obligation, and the manner in which it was incurred, the committee recite briefly the history of the transac-tion. By the act approved February 8, 1855, the corporation agreed to guarantee the certifi-cates of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad Company to the amount of \$60,000, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, and is-suable in sums of not less than \$500, the said certificates payable in six annual instalments of \$6,000 each, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1868; which said guarantee to the amount aforesaid shall be discharged and satis fied out of the ordinary revenues of the corporation within ten days from the maturity of said certificates respectively, and upon the surrender thereof to this corporation; and which said guarantee shall be evidenced by the certificate of the Mayor, countersigned by the Register, to be endorsed on such certifi-cates to the amount aforesaid to the effect that

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But the debt with which we are now dealing is one in which the Railroad Company-who do not care a straw whether we pay it or repudiate it-has no interest whatever. The corporation procured the money on its own responsibility and paid it over to the Railroad Company, and has now to deal with its own creditors, the Railroad Company being indiferent spectators.
Riggs & Co., who had previously dealt in cor-

poration stocks, (and al ways advantageously to the city's credit, it is due to them to say,) acted simply as commission merchants for the Cor-poration, receiving its bonds for eale and ad-vancing money to the Corporation upon its The bondhelders who purchased, did so in

good faith upon the Corporation guarantee, either as an investment, or upon personal appeals as public spirited citizens to aid by such purchase in the completion of a work deemed of vital importance to the interests of Washington.

As will be seen by the record set forth above, the Corporation has bound itself for the payment of these bonds step by step by the most solemn forms of legislation, executive action, and payment of a moiety of the debt. It is a debt not pleasant to pay in view of the unsatisfactory returns from our investment thus far, but it is one homorropy and paymy use, and its repudiation would, in the opinion of the Committee, involve a worse than Mississippi repudiation, since it is not denied that the money distion, since it is not denied that the money was obtained solely upon the Corporation's faith, and the most part of it directly upon the

At a meeting of the committee on the 16th of April, it was ordered that \$25,000 of the certificates of the company be indorsed, instead of the \$15,000 voted on the 12th instant. Corporation's checks.

The general history of the road has been already duly ventilated, and the Committee do not feel it necessary or within the scope of the enquiry submitted to them, to enter upon it in this report further than to express the regret that the heretofore negotiations for the sale of the Corporation's interest in the road should have fallen through and the Corporation thus failed to rid itself of its very undesirable ele-

phant. The road is now advertised to be sold at public sale by the trustees, (Messrs. Bradley & Son) under instruction of the Mayor, in accordance with the action of the late Councils. It is to be hoped that through this sale, or the legal proceedings following upon its announcement, the question of the value of the Corporation's interest in the road may be brought to a definite issue.

The committee respectfully report back the bill referred to them and recommended its passage. Should the Corporation never realize one cent of return from its unfortunate invest-ment in the Washington and Alexandria Rafiroad, it is not the less bound in justice and honor to repay the money procured on its own solemn guarantee and receipted for by its own

The report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and made the special order for next Monday night. The bill to organize a paid steam fire department was taken up, and
Mr. Raub presented a long petition, signed
by property holders representing upwards of

\$3,000,000 worth of property, praying the eshibit of the present disposition of the bonds and ablishment of a paid steam are department. The bill was taken up by sections, and varione amendments were proposed.

Mr. Ranb moved to strike out section 2d. which provides for the appointment of a clerk to the Fire Commissioners at a salary of \$700,

as a clerk was unnecessary; lost. Mr. Follanshee moved to make the salary Mr. Ruff moved to insert \$500. Mr. Raubthought that enough persons would

be paid without making any additional sal-Mr. N. D. Larner said that he was not pored to paying \$800, but it would be well to seep down the salaries to reasonable bounds. He thought it best to get the department in operation under the bill as reported by the committee, and afterwards, if we could afford committee, and afterwards, if we could afford to increase the salaries, we could raise them. In Battimore, where the most perfect fire department in the world was in operation, the clerk who had more duties to perform than would be required here, received but \$750.

Mr. Ruff thought we should not look to Baltimore as to wages as it was well known the laboring man and mechanics received lower

Mr. Canfield said he would oppose the bill, but wished it understood that he was in favor but wished it understood that he was in favor of a steam department, but not a paid one. A steam paid department could not be put in operation under from \$60,000 to \$70,000. Under the bill \$32,100 would be required for the engines alone. He would ask, Uan we stand this outlay? Outside of Baltimore and Boston he knew of no other paid departments. In Philadelphia they had a steam volunteer department, and if the Councils would ald our firement, and if the Councils would ald our firement they would soon have as good a Firement. men they would soon have as good a Fire Department as could be desired.

pay than here.

Mr. Ellis said that under the present state of things a steam paid department was wanted. He was in favor of paying men good wages.
but it was necessary not to put salaries too
high, lest they should endanger the bill.
Mr. Canfield explained that he was in favor of such a department as they had in Philadel-

Mr. Ellis said that something should be done. Perhaps the gentleman was not aware that the present fire companies cost \$15,000 last year. The amendment of Mr. Ruff and Mr. Follansbee were both lost, and the section adopted. Mr. McCathran moved to amend section 5, so as to provide for two Hook and Ladder companies; which was agreed to.

Mr. McCathran moved to increase the salary of the foremen from \$600 to \$700, and warmly advocated the amendment, contending that \$600 was now hardly a laborer's pay. This amendment was lost,—yeas 5, nays 12— and other amendments increasing the pay of the other officers were proposed and yeled

Mr. Ferguson moved to make the chief engimeer's salary \$1,000. Adopted. Mr. Canfield moved to strike out the 9th section, giving the commissioners authority to locate the companies, and insert, "the steam fire engines shall be located as follows: One in the First Ward: one between the First and Fifth Wards, and one in the Fifth Ward; and one Hook and Ladder company in the Fourth Ward, and one in the Sixth Ward; which was lost—yeas 5, nays 11.

Mr. Canfield moved to amend section 12, so as to require the Chief Engineer to make a report monthly. Mr. Ellis proposed to make it semi-annually Carried. Mr. N. D. Larner moved to amend section 17.

so as to make the maximum fine for obstructing apparatus or members of the department in going to or returning from fires twenty dollars. Mr. N. D. Larner moved to amend the section repealing all acts inconsistent with this act by

making it read when the new fire department authorized by this act is established, all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act shall be repealed. Carried.

The bill was then read a third time and passed; yeas 13, nays-Messrs Cantield and Follanshee_2.

Mr. C. Wilson introduced a bill to set curbstones and relay gutter on the west side of Tenth street, from Md. to Va. avenue and authorizing the Mayor to lease wharf privileges at N street south to N. D. Cooke and H. C. Fahnestock; which was referred. The following were passed: From commit-tee on claims, (by Mr. Ferguson,) bill for re-lief of Wm. Boyd; (by Mr. Burr,) bill for relief of Michael Murphy.

The committee on claims were discharged from the consideration of the petition of Geo.
Page, by his attorney, and the police committee from the consideration of the bill for the relief of R. J. Rainey.

The bill reported by Mr. Kelly, from the committee on unfinished business, for the relief

of James Bowen, was referred to the committee on claims.

The bill from Board of Aldermen appropriating \$6,000 to enable the trustees of the second district to provide additional school accomm !dations, was, after some little discussion.

passed.

The Board of Aldermen bill to purchase fifty copies of Shehan's Digest for the use of the members, was referred.
Mr. M. Larner moved to take up the report of the committee on contingent expenses rela-tive to carpeting the Council Chamber, and moved to make it the special order for Monday next; carried. Adjourned.

The Board of Health of Philadelphia and the Guardians of the Poor are at logger-heads about the building of a pest house in that

Melons are dear in Nashville. The Union says if you give a dealer a greenback be will give you a green melon back. The circulation of the Chicago Times has

poration's share in the business was managed, makes it a matter of regret that whatever aid was afforded to the road by the city had not, in been prohibited in Camp Douglas, Chicago, by the commandant of that post.

There were last week at Cupe May, it is stated, about six thousand visitors.